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FOR DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, USFWS, DIVISION OF LAW
ENFORCEMENT, T.L. STRIEGLER

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SUBJECT: ENFORCEMENT OF UNITED STATES ENDANGERED SPECIES
ACT OF 1973 (INV 8-2227)

REF: STATE A-2632

1. ON RECEIPT REFAIR, WE CONTACTED WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
LICENSING SECTION (WCLS) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIR-
ONMENT. WCLS IS UK GOVERNMENT BODY
RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING EXPORT AND IMPORT OF ENDAN-
GERED SPECIES. WCLS OFFICIAL REMINDED US THAT TIGER
IMPORTS OR EXPORTS ARE CONTROLLED UNDER UK LAW. ONLY
FOUR TIGER SKINS HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR IMPORTATION
SINCE 1971. ALL WERE RUGS WHICH HAD BEEN PRESENTED BY
FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO BRITISH COLONIAL CIVIL SERVANTS,
OFTEN AS MUCH AS 20 YEARS AGO.

2. THERE HAVE BEEN NO APPLICATIONS FOR THE IMPORT OR
EXPORT OF TIGER SKINS OR TROPHIES BY ANY OF THE FIRMS ON
LIST NUMBER TWO OF REFAIR. WCLS OFFICIALS STATED THAT
ROWLAND WARD LTD. IS ONLY UK FIRM ON LIST LIKELY TO BE
APPROACHED TO PROCESS TIGER TROPHIES. WARD HAS ASSURED
WCLS THAT THEY WOULD NOT JEOPARDIZE THEIR EXCELLENT REPU-
TATION BY ATTEMPTING TO CIRCUMVENT UK REGULATIONS.

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3. WCLS OFFICIALS ASSURED US THEY WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR REQUESTS FOR IMPORT OR EXPORT OF TIGERS AND WILL CALL ANY SUCH REQUESTS IMMEDIATELY TO OUR ATTENTION. THEY ADDED HOWEVER THAT SHOULD ANY SUCH REQUEST BE RECEIVED, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE TURNED DOWN IN ACCORDANCE WITH UK REGULATIONS.

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